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TENNESSEE FIRST LADY TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF CRIME VICTIM SERVICES *ADVOCATE CONFERENCE EMPHASIZES ROLE OF VICTIMS IN CORRECTIONS SYSTEM*

NASHVILLE — Tennessee First Lady Andrea Conte will address the National Association of Victim Services Professionals in Corrections on Friday, October 17, at the Holiday Inn Express Downtown. She will discuss the role that crime victims have in the corrections process and pre-release programs for incarcerated individuals to teach the impact that crime has on victims.

A victim of crime herself, Conte has worked to establish resources for crime victims in Tennessee. She is founder and president of You Have the Power...Know How to Use It, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to raising awareness about crime and justice issues. In April of this year, she received the National Crime Victim Service Award from U.S. Attorney General Michael Mukasey in Washington, D.C., for extraordinary efforts in direct service to crime victims.

As First Lady, Conte worked to create a statewide Commission on Crime Victims Assistance. Established in August 2003, the citizen commission is responsible for providing recommendations regarding benefits and other issues associated with the Criminal Injury Compensation Fund. Conte also helped establish "A Tennessee Season to Remember," an annual memorial event honoring Tennesseans who have lost their lives to violent crime.

WHAT: Second Annual Conference of the National Association of Victim Services Professionals in Corrections

WHO: Tennessee First Lady Andrea Conte
The Honorable John Gillis, director, Office for Victims of Crime, U.S. Department of Justice
Gary Hinzman, president, American Probation and Parole Association
George Little, commissioner, Tennessee Department of Correction

WHEN: 8:45 a.m. CDT General Session - Friday, October 17
Note: First Lady Conte will speak at approximately 9:25 a.m.

WHERE: Holiday Inn Express, Downtown
920 Broadway
Nashville, TN

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